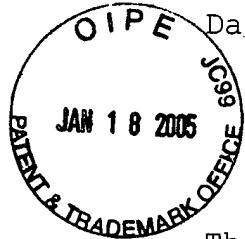


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Specification Amendments

This amendment complies with the revised 37 CFR 1.121 (1) - Amendment by instruction to delete, replace, or add a paragraph by submitting only a marked-up version showing changes made.

Also, this amendment is based on the assumption that the specification amendments previously requested with the first RCE sent Oct. 30, 2003 and the Response to a non-final OA sent April 13, 2004 have already been entered. If they have not ^{been} ~~been~~ entered, the applicant is requesting that those amendments be entered as well.

1. Location:

Section Heading: Description of Drawings

A. Fig. 1

Please add the following immediately after the section heading and before Fig. 1-A:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the Picking rake embodiment in the raking position claimed in the present application.

B. Fig. 13-A

Please amend the description of Fig. 13-A as follows:

Fig. 13-A is a perspective ~~back view of Picking Rake Version II having a long gripper and snap button anchoring means~~ view of the picking rake in Fig. 1 showing the alternative positions of the extendible left rake handle.

2. Location:

Section heading: Description of Picking Rake Version I

A. Paragraph 1

Please amend the first sentence of paragraph 1 as follows:

Referring to Fig.1-B, the first version.....towards the upper ends of their handles by a pivotal connection.

B. Paragraph 4 (5.)

Please amend the first sentence of item #5 in paragraph 4 as follows:

5. A gripper ~~106~~ 104 such as that shown in ~~Figs. 34 through 50~~ Figs. 54-A through 72-D is attached....

C. Sub-heading: Operation of Picking Rake, Version I

Please amend the second sentence of paragraph 2 as follows:

...The force induces the gripper ~~106~~ 104 on handle bar...

3. Location:

Section heading: Description of Picking Rake, Version II

A. Paragraph 1

Please amend the second sentence of paragraph 1 as follows:

Both could be joined together side by side by a gripping connection to form a complete....

B. Paragraph 4 (A new paragraph 3 was added in a previous specification amendment.)

Please amend the third and fourth sentences of paragraph 4 as follows:

Another gripper 106 is also attached to rake handle 120L 120-2L. Any one of the grippers... shown in Figs. 49 and 50 Figs. 70 and 71 and an internal snap button...

C. Sub-section heading: Attachment Variations for Picking Rake, Version II - Variation 4

Please amend Variation 4 paragraph as follows:

Referring to Figs. 13-A, 13-BR, and 13-BL....with provision for at least one aperture 122-2L for a snap button head to lodge in. The snap button prevents the rake handle from rotating outward while inside it the gripper. The snap button is housed inside the other rake handle, its button head outwardly engaged from another aperture 122-2R disposed on that other rake handle. The telescoping handle shown is discussed in greater

detail under the subheading, Adjustable Handle
Length, Version II.

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